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## **Artist Fellowships in *Fiction* Available Through The Virginia Commission of the Arts**

**RICHMOND, VA– The Virginia Commission for Arts** invites Virginia-based writers of fiction to apply for its **2011-2012 Artist Fellowships due October 3, 2011**. Four Artist Fellowships of \$5,000 are awarded annually by the Commission to recognize the creative excellence of individual Virginia artists and to support their pursuit of artistic excellence.

Artists in the disciplines of fiction, who are legal residents of Virginia at the application deadline and who plan to remain in the state for the coming year, are eligible to apply for the 2011-2012 Artist Fellowship. Interested artists may obtain an application by calling the Commission (804) 225-3132 or by downloading forms from the Commission's website: [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov).

The Commission offers Artist Fellowships on a rotating basis to Virginia artists in the following disciplines: crafts, photography, sculpture, fiction, music composition, choreography, painting, works on paper (prints and drawing), poetry, playwriting, and filmmaking; depending upon the amount of state and federal funding available to the Commission.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grant awards to artists, arts and other not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, educators and local governments, and provides technical assistance in arts management.

For more information about the Virginia Commission for the Arts or its programs or resources, visit our website at [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov) or call (804) 225-3132.

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